



Memorandum

Date: July 29, 1997

To: Bob Potter

From: Steve Yaeger *Steve*

Subject: 204 Feasibility Funds

At our last CALFED Budget Meeting, you requested further discussion of the use of the subject funds for performing prefeasibility analysis for CALFED North of Delta storage options. I have attached our analysis of the work in this category which has been completed to date and which we expect to complete by the end of Phase II.

The general approach we have used is to program our CALFED staff to complete the alternatives analysis and screening portion of the North of Delta analysis-which we estimate to cost about \$470,000. The prefeasibility analysis of the three screened reservoir sites and subsequent site specific feasibility analysis we have designated for completion by DWR's Northern District staff. The feasibility analysis, of course, will not be performed until Phase III of the Program, however, the prefeasibility work will be progressing during the fall of this year and into next year. The goal is to provide that information for review by decision makers during the Delta solution decision process in the fall 1998 time frame. This coincides with the timing for certification of the Final EIR/S. While CALFED staff could prosecute the prefeasibility work on North of Delta storage, our staff will be fully consumed with analysis of in-Delta storage, South of Delta storage, conjunctive use, and conveyance. Additionally, we believe that Northern District staff are better qualified to complete this work.

Since we have excluded the cost of prefeasibility and feasibility analysis from our Phase II budget request, adding back in the cost with the additional revenue becomes a zero sum game. For these reasons, we believe that the arrangement described above is the best approach to completing the work within the allowed time frame and within the Prop 204 funds available to finance this effort.

If you have additional questions please give me a call at 657-2666.

Attachment

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California Environmental Protection Agency
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